

Town of Abington  
Board of Health Meeting  
Monday August 30, 2021  
Buckley Room  
7:00 p.m.

Members present: Aaron Christian, Chairman; Christina Fifer, Vice Chair; Melissa Pond, Kevin Whalen, Chris Schultz, Marty Golightly, Health Director

Aaron calls meeting to order 7:00 p.m.

**Moment Of Silence for Terri Burgess**

**Message from the Board**

Board reschedule 8/23/2021 meeting, until after the 8/24/21 statement by the DESE Commissioner. Today, revisiting consideration of Town wide mask mandate with the safety of residents in mind, especially school aged children and the unvaccinated.

**COVID Update: Town numbers and cases**

Tracking case average over a 2 week period.

Abington gained 100 cases in one month.

Upward tick with Delta variant.

BOH will supply data and/or links upon request.

Christina asked if Delta cases can specifically be identified and if Delta is here, in Abington.

Marty said majority of cases are Delta. Delta variant is here in Abington.

**Vaccine Update: Clinic availability and FDA approval discussion**

Vaccination efforts continue.

Pfizer FDA approval for 16+.

Chris asked if boosters will be offered at our vaccination clinics.

Marty said yes, in October.

Eligibility for booster 8 months after completion of vaccination series.

Kevin asked what percentage of Abington residents ages 12-18 are vaccinated.

Marty referred to state link for listing of percentages.

**Masks Mandate: Discussion on parameters for Town wide and vote (if applicable)**

Melissa recommended discussion on logistics of remote meetings.

Marty does not recommend mandate at this time.

Abington's test positivity rate is 3.

Main focus on vaccination.

Kevin motions to adjourn

Chris seconds

Unanimous vote

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Aaron Christian, Chairman